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SUBJECT: KINSHASA - 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

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1. Our Independence Day celebration will be held at the EMR from 1800-2000 on Friday, July 2nd. We are expecting approximately 1000 guests to attend the function. Public Diplomacy has arranged for an American singer from Paris to perform as well as the University of Kinshasa choir. There will also be a function for the American Community at the EMR on Saturday, July 3rd.

2. Kinshasa is calm but a bit tense given the events of the past few weeks. However, the EAC believes that our current security posture is appropriate for the current worldwide threat environment and the threat level in Kinshasa. We have received no specific or credible threat information targeting Embassy personnel or the planned events.

3. The following security measures will be taken to ensure that there will be no security-related incidents during the event:

- a. Increased Police Support.
- b. Closing of the street for vehicular traffic where guests will enter the EMR.
- c. Pre-deployment of the Surveillance Detection Unit (SDU) before and during the event.
- d. Increased guard presence - including the Quick Reaction Force (QRF).
- e. Positive Identification of all guests by invitation and personal recognition by FSN Protocol and Public Diplomacy staff.
- f. Screening of guests with hand-held metal detector.
- g. Both FSN Investigators, ARSO and RSO will be present.

4. The EAC agrees that the above security measures should be sufficient to ensure an incident-free event.

5. POC is RSO Jeff Lischke at 243-81-88-44608 (cell) or 934 ext. 2207 (IVG).

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